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SUBJ: COLOMBIA PRE-IG REVIEW

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1. WE APPRECIATE THE PRE-IG CRITIQUE AND AGREE IN LARGE PART WITH ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. PARA 4(A) AND (B) OF REFTEL. OVERVIEW: THE CHARGE WAS PROPOSING A STAFFING POLICY FOR THE LONGER TERM (PER CASP PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE, PAGE 24) RATHER THAN INDICATING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR FY 75 AND FY 76. THE AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO INITIATE A COUNTRY TEAM STUDY OF THE EMBASSY'S STAFFING PATTERS AND RESOURCES. THE AIM OF THAT STUDY WILL BE TO STRUCTURE EMBASSY PERSONNEL PATTERNS AND MATERIAL RESOURCES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MEET THE LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS OF THE MISSION. IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION THAT WILL TAKE OFFICE ASAUST 7, THE PROPOSED COMPLETION DATE OF THE STUDY IS OCTOBER 1 OF THIS YEAR.

3. TO REFLECT THE ABOVE PLAN OF ACTION, WE HAVE RESTATED PARA 10 OF THE OVERVIEW AS FOLLOWS: A) START WITH "WE BELIEVE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH CASP OBJECTIVES MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH A SOMEWHAT REDUCED STAFF, TO WHICH WE COULD ASSIGN LARGER AND MORE FLEXIBLE RESOURCES. THE AMBASSADOR HAS, ACCORDINGLY, INITIATED A COUNTRY TEAM STUDY OF PRESENT AND PROJECTED PERSONNEL

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AND RESOURCE NEEDS. PENDING COMPLETION OF THAT STUDY, THE IG MAY WISH TO REFER TO A-50 OF MAR 13, 73 (THE PILOT FOREIGN AFFAIRS

PERSONNEL REVIEW), IN WHICH WE MADE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS ON PERSONNEL CUTS. MANY OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE STILL VALID AND MAY SERVE AS A DEPARTURE POINT FOR AN IG DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL CUTS."

4. ELIMINATE PARA 12 (PENULTIMATE) OF OVERVIEW.

5. PARA 4(C) OF REFTTEL. COLOMBIA'S CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE HEMISPHERE: ADD AS FINAL SENTENCE TO PARA 4 "IF SUCH INITIATIVES ARE FORTHCOMING AT AN EARLY STAGE IN THE LOPEZ ADMINISTRATION, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETAIN THE CONSTRUCTIVE SUPPORT THAT COLOMBIA HAS PROVIDED THE US IN HEMISPHERIC MATTERS AND IN THE UNITED NATIONS."

6. PARA 5(A) OF REFTTEL, BILATERAL ASSISTANCE: WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING "BRIDGE" STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED AS ASSUMPTION NR 11, PAGE 6: "THE 1973 IG REQUIREMENT FOR A REVIEW OF AID STRATEGY WILL BE SATISFIED BY WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE 1974 DAP, THE 1975-76 CASP, AND THE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BELOW."

7. PARA 6 REFTTEL: WE CONCUR, BUT WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE "SPECIAL US EFFORTS" ARE INDEED REQUIRED TO DISTRIBUTE PL-480 TITLE II FOOD.

8. PARA 7 REFTTEL, RESOURCE LEVELS: WE DO NOT CONCUR IN THE \$40 MILLION FY 74 LENDING LEVEL, BECAUSE IT EXCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF AUTHORIZING IN FY 74 TWO LOANS IN THE URBAN SECTOR FOR "LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT" AND "SMALL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT". THE AID MISSION IS ACTIVELY EXPLORING THESE TWO PROPOSITIONS WITH THE GOC ON THE BASIS OF EXPLICIT NOTIFICATION FROM AID/W (CONTAINED STATE 054982) THAT "SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY EXISTS. . . TO COVER SOUND PROPOSALS (FOR THESE PURPOSES) IN EITHER FY 74 OR FY 75". WASHINGTON HAS ALSO TOLD US THAT "IRRS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED SOONEST". THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THE STATEMENT "SUBSECTOR LOAN FOR LOW-COST HOUSING AND SMALL INDUSTRY; FY 74, \$15 M, 0 PERCENT DISBURSED" BE RETAINED IN COA 1-5, PAGE 17. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE FY 74 AID RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS IN ANNEX A, PAGE 76, BE CHANGED TO REFLECT THE FOREGOING.

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9. WE ACCEPT THE \$20 MILLION AID LENDING LEVEL FOR FY 75 AND PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE COURSES OF ACTION, PP. 17 AND 18:

A. DELTE COA 1-2 AND THE "14,000 L" ENTRY.

B. COA 1-3 BECOMES COA 1-2, AND THE AMOUNT IS INCREASED TO "10,000 L".

C. COA 1-4 BECOMES 1-3, AND THE LAST LINE WILL READ "FY 74,  
\$30 M, 0 PERCENT DISBURSED".

D. COA 1-5 BECOMES 1-4, AND THE AMOUNT \$10,000 L" WILL BE DELETED.

E. COA 1-7 FOR 1976 WILL BE SHIFTED TO 1975 AS COA 1-5, BUT THE  
RESOURCE ESTIMATE WILL BE REDUCED FROM "10,000 L" TO "5,000 L".

F. A NEW COA 1-7, PAGE 18, WILL BE ENTERED. IT SHOULD READ AS  
FOLLOWS: "1-7. COA: PROJECT LOAN TO INITIATE A NATIONWIDE  
PROGRAM OF RURAL ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION FOR COMMUNITIES OF LESS  
THAN 2,500 INHABITANTS. 10,000 L PLUS 10,000 L. NEW PROGRAMS."

G. COA 2-2, PAGE 19, WILL REMAIN AS WRITTEN BUT THE RESOURCES  
WILL BE REDUCED FROM "8,000 L" TO "5,000 L".

10. THE FY 75 AID COLUMN OF ANNEX A SHOULD BE CHANGED TO REDUCE  
THE LOAN ELEMENT FROM "40,000" TO \$20,000", AND THE TOTAL FROM

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"62,377" TO "42,377".

11. PARA 7(B) OF REFTTEL, JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASE IN USIA LOCAL  
POSITIONS: "USIS BOGOTA WILL REQUEST THE ADDITIONAL FSL SLOTS  
FROM AREA ALLOCATION IN LIEU OF SUB-CONTRACTORS ON MASTER WORK  
CONTRACT."

12. PARA 7(C) OF REFTTEL, PL 480: THE PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM HAS

FOR OVER A DECADE PROVIDED THE GOC ABOUT 150 THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT ANNUALLY. THIS LEVEL WAS REDUCED IN FY 74 AS A RESULT OF SHORT US SUPPLIES. THE PROGRAM, HOWEVER, CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN COLOMBIA AND SERVES TO MEET A VITAL NEED OF THE COLOMBIAN ECONOMY.

13. PARA 7(D) OF REFTTEL, CU RESOURCES: ADJUST SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TABLE, CULTURAL PROGRAM (CU) WHICH SHOULD READ FY 73, 250; FY 74, 264; FY 75, 285; FY 76, 299. ALSO AMEND FOLLOWING ITEMS:

P. 51, B-1, 1-1: OMIT 5 C U UNDER FY 75 AND 76. USE 2 ALONE.

P. 51, B-2, 2-1: SHOULD READ: CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL AND IV EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. ESTIMATED FY '75 RESOURCES:  
ED EXCHANGE: 227  
IV PROGRAMS: 58  
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ESTIMATED FY 76 RESOURCES:  
ED EXCHANGE: 235  
IV PROGRAM 64

P. 51, B-2, 2-3: OMIT 20 CU SINCE WORLD-WIDE FUNDED.

P. 51, B-2, 2-5: ELIMINATE ALL FUNDING LEVEL FOR AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

P. 63, C-1, 1-2: OMIT ENTIRELY SINCE COA INCLUDED PROGRAM ON P. 51.

14. PARA 8 REFTTEL: WE CONCUR IN SHORTENING BY DEPT OF DISCUSSION OF ITEM NOW CLASSIFIED "LOW LEVEL OF CONCERN".

15. PARA 9, REFTTEL: SEE PARA 2 ABOVE.  
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